

**AGENDA ITEM: 6**

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**13 SEPTEMBER 2011**

### **REGISTERS OF INTERESTS – REGISTER OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

**RICHARD G LONG,**

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#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To present details of interests lodged by Members and Officers.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. At the meeting of the committee held on 8 March 2010, Members were informed that Internal Audit had undertaken to conduct an examination of the strength of current processes and procedures relating to the register and recording of gifts and hospitality. A copy of the report is now available and attached at (Appendix A) to this report.
3. In accordance with a previous request by the Committee details relating to gifts and hospitality received by both Members and Officers during the year (April 2010 – March 2011) are attached for information (Appendix B).
4. Following the May council elections, Members were issued with the usual annual declaration form on which to record their interests. Members were also reminded in a further letter in July of the need to report any changes to their declared interests within 28 days of the change. The declaration forms lodged with the Monitoring Officer will be available at the meeting for inspection together with the Register of Disclosures by Members declared at committee meetings.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

5. That Members note the report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers.

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